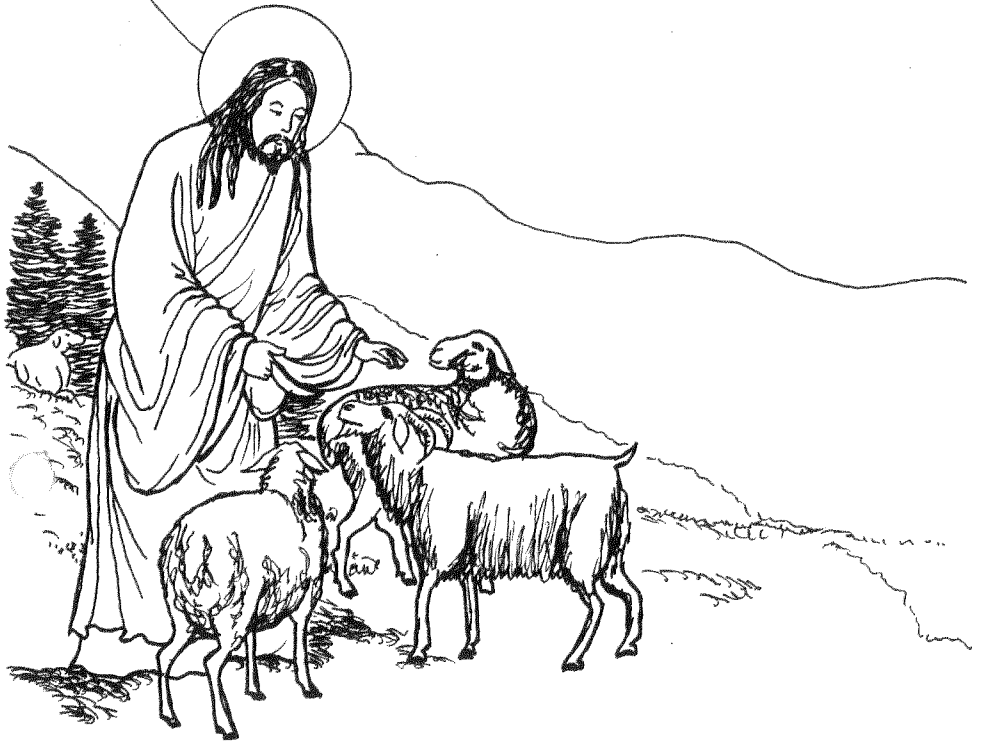


MY SHEEP
HEAR MY VOICE
I KNOW THEM
AND THEY
FOLLOW
ME



CHRIST'S UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
437 Airport Road, Ashland PA 17921
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
The 30th Anniversary of the Congregation
Service of Word and Sacrament
June 6, 1999
4:00 P.M.

Rev. Kenneth A. Gould, Pastor (570) 875-2102
Mrs. Judy Stepulitis, Secretary (570) 875-1591

INTRODUCTION

The mission of every church and each baptized Christian is to serve the reign of God. But what is the reign of God?

The reign of God is God's steadfast desire to unite all the human family, with all its great diversity, in a justice and mercy so great and thoroughly life-giving that people will rejoice in being part of it.

Through the past thirty years, our congregation has been called to proclaim that reign of God in this place to all people. We remain answerable to God about how well we have pursued that goal.

SILENT PRAYER Almighty God, in your glory we celebrate the anniversary of this congregation: We give you thanks for the fellowship of all who have worshiped as part of this community of faith, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE "We Would Be Building" arr. Smith

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of love and mercy,

C: you know the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts;

you know our coming in and our going out.
 We confess to you all our sins—
 those things done and left undone.
 We have not loved one another as you have loved us.
 We have not served others as you have served us.
 Hear our cry, O Lord.
 Accept our repentance.
 Cleanse us, restore us, and lead us
 that we may love and serve in newness of life
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P: In the mercy of almighty God,
 Jesus Christ was sent to die for us,
 and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the
 church of Christ, and by his authority,
 I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy
 Spirit.

C: Amen

GATHERING

ENTRANCE HYMN

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"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" (Eden Church)

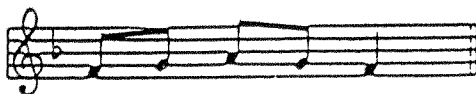
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

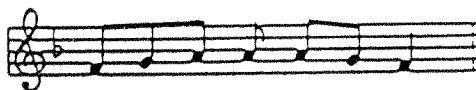
KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord have mer · cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let
 us pray to the Lord.



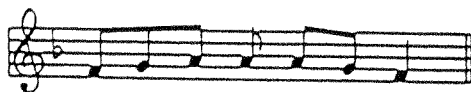
G Lord have mer · cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



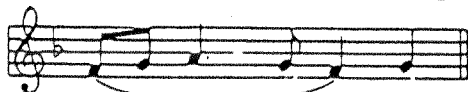
G Lord. have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord. have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



G A . . . men

HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



☩ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your Church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make us worthy of our heritage. Knit us together in the communion of saints, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SIT

THE WORD OF GOD

God speaks and we listen. The holy conversation enlightens us as we encounter God in Holy Scripture.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 8:22-30

King Solomon thanks and praises God for the new Jerusalem temple.

PSALM 84 (Paraphrased, sung to Hymn Tune: St. Anne)

1. How dear your dwelling place to me,
O Lord of hosts, my king;
My soul desires the courts of God
Whose praise my heart will sing.
2. The sparrow now has found a house,
The swallow has a nest
Where she may lay her young, O Lord,
And by your altar rest.

3. Happy are those who dwell with you
And always sing your praise;
Happy the ones you strengthen, Lord,
With hearts set on your ways.
4. In lonely valleys they will find
A place of pools and springs,
And as they climb to Zion's heights
They see the King of kings.
5. O God of Jacob, hearken now;
Lord, hear the prayer I bring;
Behold our shield, O God, look down
On your anointed King.
6. For better one day in your courts
Than thousands far away,
And at your threshold, Lord, to stand
Than in false tents to stay.
7. The Lord, our sun and shield, will give
Us grace, withhold no need
From those who walk with him; their trust
In him is blest indeed.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:1-9

The rejected cornerstone, Jesus Christ,
is Lord of the church, a people holy to
God.


STAND

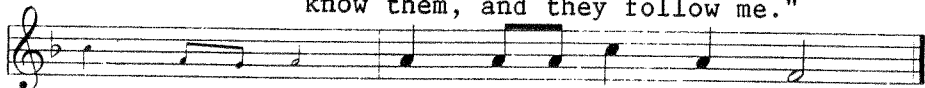
GOSPEL VERSE (Sung by the choir)

Alleluia. I have chosen and consecrated
this house that my name may be there
forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

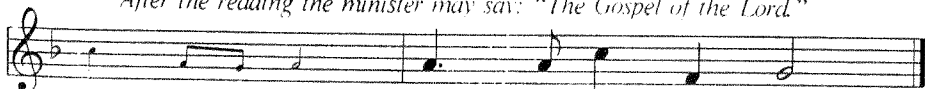
John 10:22-30

Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice. I
know them, and they follow me."



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the reading the minister may say: "The Gospel of the Lord."



Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

ANNIVERSARY SERMON

The Rev. David Strobel, Bishop
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

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"I Love Your Kingdom Lord" (St. Thomas)

NICENE CREED

☒ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS

P: Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us offer our prayers to God for the church, the world and all those in need.

A brief silence

P: For the holy church of God throughout the world, that it may faithfully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we pray:

C: **YOUR KINGDOM COME.**

P: For the leaders of the nations of the world, that they may work tirelessly for peace, the ceasing of violence, cruelty and bloodshed and be ambassadors of goodwill among all people, we pray:

C: **YOUR KINGDOM COME.** (7)

P: For this congregation that it may be blessed with your presence, guided by the Spirit and continually serve you in this place, we pray:

C: **YOUR KINGDOM COME.**

P: For those who search for you that we might be evangelists to them through this church, ever proclaiming your good news to all who wish to hear, we pray:

C: **YOUR KINGDOM COME.**

P: For all pastors and church leaders, but especially for those who have served this congregation, that they may remain faithful to their calling, we pray:

C: **YOUR KINGDOM COME.**

P: For the oppressed and the poor, for those who are without food, shelter or clothing and for those who suffer because of abuse, addiction or depression, that your light may give them hope, we pray:

C: **YOUR KINGDOM COME.**

P: For ourselves, that we may seek to be wise and good stewards for your gifts, sharing abundantly with our church our bounty, for the good of this household of faith and for the church throughout the world, we pray:

C: **YOUR KINGDOM COME.**

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **AMEN.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The PEACE is shared at this time

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with you.

Peace be with you.

P Peace be with you.

SIT

OFFERING and CHOIR ANTHEM

"Built on a Rock"

Martin

STAND as the offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY (Sung by the choir)

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers!
For my brethren and my companions' sake
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good. (Ps. 122:1, 7-9)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of wisdom,
C: in your Son Jesus you teach us to love one another
and to share the gifts of our lives.
Receive these gifts in thanksgiving
for all you have done for us.
Bring forth from us a rich yield
in lives dedicated to your service. Amen

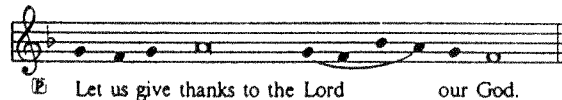
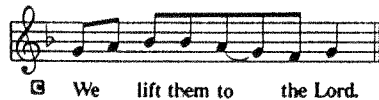
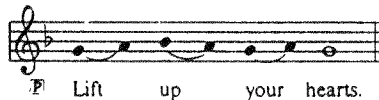
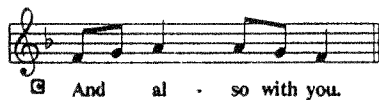
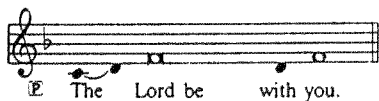
COMMUNION HYMN

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"Around You, O Lord Jesus" (O Jesu, An De Dina)

The ministers make ready the bread and wine.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING is begun by the minister standing at the altar

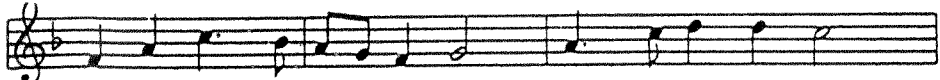




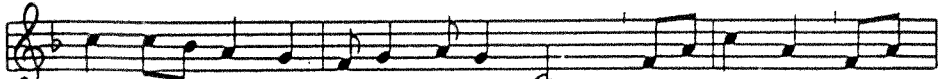
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The preface appropriate to the day or season is sung or said.

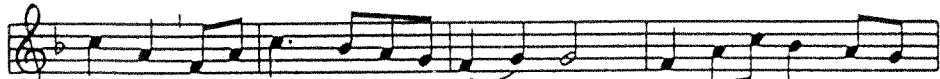
P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.....

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

C: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN.....

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world,
Happy are those who are called to his supper

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world: grant us peace.

SIT

[At the usher's direction, come to the Communion station on the same side of the church where you are sitting. Receive the Body of Christ (host) in your hand and the Blood of Christ (wine) in a small glass, then return to your place via the side aisle.]

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STAND

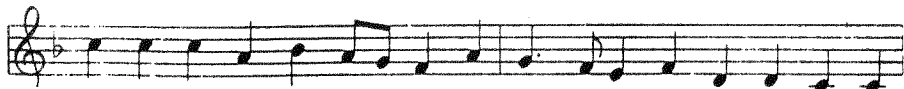
After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Chnsi strengthen you and keep you in his grace

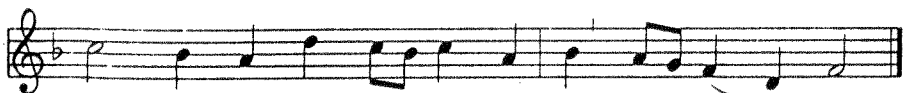
Amen

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Merciful God, we give thanks
for the strength we receive at your table.
By your Spirit transform and renew our minds,
that we may do your good, acceptable and perfect will,
in Jesus' name.

C: Amen

A brief silence

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

DEPARTURE HYMN

534

"Now Thank We All Our God" (Nun Danket Alle Gott)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SILENT PRAYER We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands which have helped to build and guide this congregaiton through the years. Accept and bless all that has been done and help us to remain faithful to the calling and mission given to us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Postlude in Classic Style"

Young

A BRIEF HISTORY OF C.U.L.C.

On January 1, 1969 a new congregaiton came into existence as the result of a scarcity of pastors and the proximity of five formerly separate congregations. Christ's United Lutheran Church of Schuylkill County was officially incorporated on that day after a period of discussion, experimentation and negotiation. The churches joining to form the new congregaiton were Good Shepherd, Ashland; St. John's Church, Kimmels; St. Paul's Church, Gordon; St. Peter's Church, Lavelle and Zion Church, Girardville. Served by two pastors and a seminary intern, each "chapel" continued to worship in and maintain its own building, while a church council conducted the other business of the united church. The pastors were called by the congregation.

In 1978 Good Shepherd Church, Ashland, withdrew from CULC and continues today to have its own pastor and pursue its own ministry. In the late 1980's, conversations began towards having one church building. A vote of the congregation on January 31, 1988 made that dream concrete when it was decided to build a new church. Shortly thereafter Zion Church, Girardville and a portion of St. Paul's Church membership, Gordon, also withdrew from CULC.

Groundbreaking for the new building occurred on April 11, 1992 and the new church at 437 Airport Road, R.R. #1, Ashland was dedicated on December 27, 1992.

Through the years CULC has seen many different styles of ministry and configurations of service to its community. We approach the second millennium secure in the knowledge and presence of God and His blessing upon our church and people.



PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS CONGREGATION

The Rev. Robert Hughes 1969-1971
The Rev. Donald Henderschedt 1970-1973
The Rev. Charles Mertz 1972-1977
The Rev. Mark Fritch 1973-1979
The Rev. T. Lee Berry 1979
The Rev. Robert Kysar 1979-1982
The Rev. Myrna Kysar 1979-1982
The Rev. Jimmy Lee Werley 1983-1988
The Rev. Peggy Sue Pfeffer 1983-1991
The Rev. Joseph A. Serafin 1989-1995
The Rev. John Lose 1995-1996
The Rev. Kenneth A. Gould 1996-Present

FORMER INTERNS OF C.U.L.C.

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David Strobel
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My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me
Based on a Chinese brush painting by Tsui Hung-I

